FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Mineral Deficiencies

With the influx of summer work, animals may go unnoticed. During this time, many animals do not get sufficient minerals to maintain their bodies.

The less noticeable mineral deficiencies may cause the young to be born dead or weak, cause slower weight gains, less efficient use of feed, less milk, lighter fleeces, and lower fertility.

The nutritionists stress the importance of watching to see that livestock get proper feed. Animals on mineral-short rations often chew foreign objects such as bones or sticks or may eat dirt to try to satisfy their craving for needed minerals.

The earliest visible symptoms of a phosphorus deficiency are a poor appetite, slower gain in weight, and a rough coat. Milk production also falls off, and failure to breed may result. If allowed to continue for long, a phosphorus deficiency will result in bone softening, lameness, and stiffness of joints.

Calcium deficiency in cattle is rare compared to phosphorus deficiency. Cattle on a law calcium diet may frequently suffer bone fractures, joint disorders, and give less milk. Calcium shortage in sheep causes slow development and bone softening. In hogs, calcium shortages occur more often, and cause slow growth, enlarged joints and bone deformities.

A magnesium shortage in calves may result when they are fed too long on milk without grain or hay. The shortage causes slow growth.

Other elements needed by livestock include potassium, iodine, iron, copper, manganese, cobalt, zinc, sulphur, flourine and molybdenum, among others.

A potassium deficiency causes an intense craving for salt, lack of appetite, and rough coat. The most obvious effect of an iodine deficiency in humans and livestock is the large neck or goiter. An iron deficiency results in nutritional anemia.

In cattle, copper deficiencies result in unthriftiness, unnatural appetite, anemia, and bleaching of the hair. In sheep, copper shortages will show up when young lambs are weak at birth and may die because of the inability to nurse.

Copper shortage manifests itself in hogs by slow or interrupted growth, lameness and stiffness, and a dry hair coat.

Farmers should be on the lookout for mineral deficiencies which can be costly.

Liming May Control Blossom End Rot

The common defect of tomatoes known as blossom end rot may be in part due to lack of calcium in soils. Dr. P. H. Massey, associate horticulturist at VPI, reports that investigators have found a measurable reduction in this tomato defect when soil has been adequately limed.

Blossom end rot, a black decayed area in the outer end of the tomato fruit, usually worse in drouth perhaps generally been thought to be caused by irregular or deficient water supply. It is possible that drouth and lack of calcium are associated in some way, the calcium perhaps being less available in rather dry soil.

Summer Hog Management

How you manage your swine this summer will help determine profits at the market place.

One problem that looms this time of year is parasites. Roundworms can be controlled by: (1) Thoroughly cleaning the farrowing pen and scrubbing it with boiling hot lye water or with live steam from a steam generator. Mix the lye water at the rate of 1 pound of lye to 25 gallons of boiling hot water. (2) Washing the sow with soap and water before placing her in the pen to farrow. Pay particular attention to the sides, under, feet and legs. (3) Moving the sow and pigs to worm-free pasture as soon as conditions permit. (4) Leaving the pigs on clean ground until they reach a weight of at least 100 to 125 pounds.

If pigs do become infested with roundworms, treat them with a good worming agent. Sodium flouride is the one most commonly used. Mix 1 part by weight of sodium flouride to 99 parts by weight of dry ground feed. Feed this to the pigs for one day only. If a small amount of medicated feed is left after they have eaten all they will in one day, mix it with the regular dry feed. Do not feed to any other class of livestock.

Worming agents are a deadly poison.

If the pigs are severly infested with worms, give them one treatment soon after weaning and the other about 5 to 6 weeks later.

When cadmium compounds are used for worming, follow the instructions of the manufacturers. Usually a 1 per cent mix is fed for 5 days.

Use caution with worming materials. Always weigh the feed and the worming material—do not guess. Be sure the container is plainly labeled. Do not worm bred sows during the last half of pregnancy.

If external parasites are a problem, use benzene hexachloride (BHC) chlorado, or lindane for the mange. Spraying under reasonably high pressure when hogs are in a small enclosure gives best results. This treatment will also kill lice. If you only have lice, use crude oil or crankcase oil. Crowd the hogs into a small pen and apply the oil with a sprinkling can or an old broom. If a sanitary wallow is provided, pour oil on top of the water.

Appomattox County farmers are advised that after June 30th, applications for refund of federal tax on gasoline should be submitted. The refund is based on the amount of gas used from January 1, to June 30, 1956. The forms may be picked up at the County Agent's office, at either of the banks, and the post office.

Garden lovers should do a thorough job of watering when condition of the soil indicates that there is not an adequate supply in the soil. Many gardeners sprinkle or irrigate their garden frequently, thinking that keeping the top soil wet encourages increased production. However, this is not true, as frequent sprinklings encourage shallow root development and at the same time provide for less of moisture through evaporation. A thorough job should be done every ten to fourteen days and at such times applying one inch or more of water. During the early stages of growth, however, a thorough job every three or four weeks may be necessary.

ASHLAND FFA CHAPTER WINS TOP STATE HONOR

Blacksburg, June 28.- The Ashland High School FFA Chapter, of Hanover County, and the Rural Retreat FFA Chapter of Wythe County were awarded top honors this morning at the closing session of the 30th Annual Convention of the Virginia Future Farmers.

The accomplishments of the Ashland Chapter in all fields of Future Farmer work were judged the best in the state. Marvin Walsh, president of the Ashland Chapter was presented a plaque and a check for $50. H. D. Seal, the chapter advisor was awarded a trip to Kansas City to attend the National FFA convention in October, where the accomplishments of the Ashland Chapter will be judged for national honors in competition with FFA chapters from other states. George P. Compton is principal of the Ashland High School.

The Ashland Chapter has 55 active and 12 honorary members. The active members averaged four productive home farm enterprises per boy during the past year, from which they received a total labor income of $10,931. In addition to their farming activities, the members participated in practically every activity sponsored by the local school. They sponsored a purebred breeding program, improved seed planting, farm safety, "Keep Virginia Green" crews, provided food and toys for the needy, fair exhibits, and community service. They planted 22,000 pine seedlings on their home farms and 26,000 pine seedlings for neighboring farmers.

Second place in the State FFA Chapter Contest and an award of $40 went to the Brookville School, Campbell County. This chapter, along with Ashland, will represent Virginia at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City.

About The Home

Americans are living in the open more and more. The newer houses have a covered porch or uncovered terrace instead of having a front porch. For this reason, more women are learning what a pleasure it is to work in the garden and are making the terrace a part of the garden.

The outdoor terrace or porch should have two essentials: be harmonious with the house, and not try to compete with nearby flowers or shrubs. It should be a complement to them and a link between the house and the garden. From a functional standpoint, it should be comfortable.

Outdoor furniture is best done in solid colors so that strips of Chairs and couches should be of the lounging sort, comfortable.

Fabrics should be durable ones such as: sailcloth, cotton twills, cretonne or any number of the water-proof fabrics.

Furniture on wheels is becoming quite popular and is certainly to be recommended. The barbecue grill on wheels is convenient and just as functional, some say more, as the chimney-type built of brick or stone.

easily moved about.

It is very important for outdoor furniture to be weather-resistant, for when furniture becomes a burden, the contact is no longer the pleasure it should be. Weather-resistant furniture is made from metal in general, certain types of reed or fibre, hickory, painted wood and redwood. Fibrers which grow in marshy places are fine for furniture exposed to dampness.

Colors and fabrics must be chosen with attention to the color of the house itself. This is particularly true if your house is of brick. Wicker in a natural color and blue or yellow go quite well with a white brick or clapboard house except white, which does not show up well enough.

By the time a man finally understands women, his wife won't let him out of the house nights. -Hal Chadwick.

In Fashion now

There is a right and a wrong way to go about buying your clothes. The wrong way will lead to endless and useless expense and still you may not be well dressed for each occasion. The right way will lead you to a sense of confidence because you will know that you can be well dressed for whatever occasion may come up. It will also save you needless worry over money you spent for some item of clothing that you find out too late is unnecessary.

Never buy anything because it is cheap. This is a sure way to throw money away. Determine why it was marked down. It is no bargain if it will go with nothing else you have. Study labels for washing, ironing, and cleaning instructions to save time, and money. Choose gloves, blouses, play clothes and underwear that launder easily.

Think twice before you purchase something for one special occasion. Consider the additional attention required for pleats, lingerie touches, fancy buttons, and buckles, sequin or rhinestone trimming. It is smart to look for year-round fabrics.

Buy the best shoes you can afford. Comfort, not size, is important. Hesitate before investing in extreme styles or doubtful colors.

When you buy a hat, stand up and walk towards the mirror. Get the complete picture of yourself as others are going to see you.

Several pairs of stockings in the same shade is an economy and a convenience. Find a comfortable length and ask for it just as you do the foot size. It is wise to wear a stouter stocking for every day doings and save the sheer ones for special occasions. As a usual thing, a somewhat lighter shade of stocking looks better with the lighter colors worn for spring and summer, with the darker tones worn for fall and winter.

Select suits and topcoats of be coming lines and conservative colors. These purchases require a long rang point of view. Think of the dresses to be worn under the coat. A dark or natural color is a wise choice for the topcoat.

A blouse is part of a suit and the necklines of both must follow the same lines.

Never splurge financially on new fads. Don't try to economize on furs, leathers, or wools. Be businesslike. Organize your thinking about your needs and budget before you start shopping. Develop sales resistance.

Nothing is so embasarring as watching the boss doing something you told him you couldn't be done. —New York Trade Compositor.

One of the shortest distances in the world is between easy and uneasy payments. -Dan Bennett.

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Garden Club Meeting

The Appomattox Garden Club held its June meeting in the Appomattox Elementary School cafeteria Monday evening, June 25, at 7:30. A short business meeting was held, with the president, Mrs. Kenneth C. Gregory, presiding.

Mrs. Herman Schweizer gave, an interesting and informative program, using slides the taken taken scenes and floats of the parade of the Tournament of Roses.

The Garden Club placed a lovely arrangement of magnolia blossoms on a center table in memory of Mrs. Bessie V. Caldwell, a former president and faithful member of the Appomattox Garden Club.

After the program, delicious refreshments were served. At the time, members had an opportunity to study and enjoy the beautiful arrangements and horticultural exhibits.

Members who were awarded bons were as follows:

The arrangement, "As You It," Miss Lauar Mottley, blue; Horticulture, Miss Lauar Mottley, collection of pansies, blue; Mrs. N. Ligon, day-lily, blue; Miss Mottley, petunia, blue; Miss Mottley, petunia, red.

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

Fleniken, popular Superintendent Transcy here, has been in Lynchburg this week, all enthused over "Graveyard Net" picnic they take this Sunday. He plans up to 200 "radio hams" to be there. We want to comment that he is doing a lot to advertise Appomattox, and this event will bring visitors from some mighty fine folks from long distances. It also seems this thing has been overlooked to date by our visit a happy one.

Rev. R. L. Lawson reads her Bible and has found in Deuteronomy 24th that when a man gets married, he is not go to the army or work for year thereafter!

Seen at exchange;

Eggs, one-gallon containers, two dollars a week (maximum wage, jobless pay, give-up-the-ghost line in emergencies or penalty — these are samples of more than 500 pieces of Virginia legislation which took effect June 1st.

Deadline was 90 days after adjournment of the General Assembly for Indian attacks on the settlers, recently celebrated birthday, John Garrard, pastor of the church which persons on its first members. Church was killed in an Indian raid, church now has a membership of 2,500 and recently moved into a new $500,000 building.

Speaking insecticides and their handling, mixing, and storage, keep them out of reach, and away from food, and away from feed. Work on the other side of the rows or areas treated.

Sunday Big Day Here For Ham Operators

Appomattox Farm Output Tops $2 Million

The value of products sold in 1954 by operators of 999 farms in Appomattox County was $2,044,080, according to a preliminary report of the 1954 Census of Agriculture, published by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The value of all crops sold was $1,009,965 and included $999,647 for field crops, $1,746 for vegetables $8,572 for fruits and nuts and $200 for horticultural specialities.

The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was $970,775 and included $377,194 for dairy products, $350,065 for poultry and poultry products, and $243,516 for livestock and livestock products.

The value of forest products sold from the county's farms was $63,340.

Information on the value of farm products sold is presented for each county in a preliminary state report, copies of which may be purchased from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C., at 10 cents each.

Soil Bank Meeting

All interested Appomattox County farmers are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 P. M., at the Appomattox Court House, at which time the soil bank program will be discussed.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Outdoor Cookery will be the subject at meetings of county home demonstration clubs next week. The schedule:

Monday, July 9.- The Richwood Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilburn at 6:00 P. M. Mrs. Carter Martin will give the demonstrations. Members bring a salad or dessert.

Tuesday, July 10.- Extension agents and leaders from the counties of Appomattox, Amherst, Pluvanna, and Prince Edward will meet here at 10 A. M. to complete plans for 4-H Camp Week.

Wednesday, July 10.- The Clover Hill Home Demonstration Club will meet at 6 P. M. at the American Legion Hall. Mrs. Odell Godsey and Mrs. Jacob Lewis will give the demonstration. Members will bring a salad or dessert for supper.

Wednesday, July 11.- Stonewall Home Demonstration will meet at 10:30 A. M. at the Stonewall Community Center. Miss Edna Adcock and Mrs. Clyde Carson will give the demonstration.

Wednesday, July 11.. The Liberty Chapel Home Demonstration Club will meet at 6 P. M. with Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter. Mrs. Preston Coleman will give the demonstration. Members bring a salad or a dessert.

Thursday, July 12.- Miss Ruth Jamison will meet with the home demonstration club leaders for the training meeting on September and October club demonstrations.

Friday, July 13.- The County 4-H All Stars and Honor Club are sponsoring a county-wide 4-H picnic at Holliday Lake (public side) beginning at 2 P. M. All 4-H members and their families are urged to attend and bring picnic supper. Supper will be served about 6:30 P. M.

Growers Meet

Members of the Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers Marketing Association residing in Appomattox County are meeting at the Court House at Appomattox on Saturday, July 14, at two o'clock, to nominate candidates for director to represent Appomattox County.

On July 28, which date also falls on Saturday, the Appomattox County members will go to the same meeting place and cast their ballots for the candidate of their choice. The voting hours will be from 1 to 5 P. M.

FOUR FROM HERE TO ATTEND BOYS'- GIRLS' STATE AT BLACKSBURG

. . . Bradley Babcock . . . Barbara Almond . . . Dorothy Painter . . . . Buddy Poe

Bradley Babcock, Buddy Poe, Barbara Almond and Dorothy Painter will leave Sunday for Blacksburg, to attend Boy's State and Girl's State from July 8 to 14.

The two local boys are sponsored by the American Legion Post 104, and the Lions Club. The two girls are sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 104, and the Senior Woman's Club of Appomattox. They will be accompanied to Blacksburg by Department Vice-Commander Ivey Holland and by Mrs. Ivey Holland, Department Constitution and By-Laws Chairman.

Every year approximately 500 boys and 400 girls gather on the campus at V. P. I. for a week's study of city and state government, under the direction of the Virginia Departments of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Although directed by the Legion and Auxiliary, these boys and girls may be sponsored by any organization interested in seeing that the youth of Virginia have first hand knowledge of government.

Transco Cited For Project On Right-of-Way

A most worthwhile conservation project is being undertaken by the Transcontinental Pipeline Corporation, which is now seeding its entire wooded rightofways from the James River south to the North Carolina border, according to C. H. Stanley, game technician of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. To date 60 miles of wooded right-of-ways 100 feet wide have been planted and there is now a green carpet of grasses and legumes running the entire length of Buckingham County. Not only does this strip provide an excellent fire break and access road, but it also prevents soil erosion and is a good water run-off. In addition, it furnishes deer, turkey, quail, rabbits, and other indigenous wildlife species with food and cover, which should be a boon to all sportsmen. Mr. Shaffer feels that the Transcontinental Pipeline Corporation should be highly commended for this work. Transco's Compressor Station No. 17 is located at Appomattox.

NEW SEED TREE LAW NOW EFFECTIVE

Pine and yellow poplar seed trees must be left standing on all timber operations as required by a new law which became effective July 1, 1956, according to a statenent released today by State Forester George W. Dean. The 1956 General Assembly, in following out a recommendation of the Forest Resource Study Commission, amended the seed tree law to include loblolly, shortleaf, pond and white pines, and tulip poplar sometimes called yellow poplar. The amended law applies to all counties, whereas the old law was effective only in certain Coastal and Piedmont counties.

Wherever they occur, four pine trees and two yellow poplar trees 14 inches or larger in diameter, or two of the next largest diameter for each 14 inch tree if 14-inch trees are not present, are required to be left standing on each acre. These seed trees must be windfirm and have well-developed crowns which show evidence of seed cones. The trees remain the property of the landowner and must be left landing for ten years. Seed trees are not required, however, if as many as 600 pine or poplar seedlings six feet high are present and well distributed over each acre.

The state-wide requirement of leaving seed trees of these valuable specis is an effort in the part of the Forest ResourceCommission and the General Assembly to prevent the all too prevalent custom of clear-cutting of timber land without leaving a source of seedfrom which the land may be reforested.

State Forester Dan, who is by law responsible for the enforcement of the new law, said that he was instructing the field ten of the Division of Forestry timpect all timber operations for compliance.

Half of the familis in the nation made $5,520 in 195.

Softball League

League Standing

Team	W	L
Oakville	9	3
Transco	8	4
Esso	7	5
Appomattox Garment Co.	7	5
Concord	3	9
Pamplin	1	11

Results of Games

Wednesday, June 27: Appomattox Garment Co., 4, Esso 3; Transco 15, Pamplin 10.

Thursday, June 28: Appomattox Garment Co. 12, Concord 5; Oakville 20, Pamplin 9.

Friday, June 29: Transco 6, Oakville 5; Esso 10, Concord 5.

Schedule

July 10: Concord vs Pamplin at 7:00 P. M.; Oakville vs Appomattox Garment Co. at 8:30.

July 12: Esso vs Transco at 7:00 P. M.; Pamplin vs Appomattox Garment Co., 8:30.

Sucker Control Demonstration Next Week

Demonstrations showing the use of several materials to control tobacco suckers are planned for Friday, July 13, at the following places:

Floyd Flesham—8:30 A. M.
Harold Chambers—9:45 A. M.
D. M. Harris—11:30 A. M.
David Carter—2:00 P. M.
J. B. Drinkard—3:15 P. M.
M. A. Glover—4:30 P. M.

Last year damage to some farms was severe as a result of improper use of some of the oils now on the market. Purpose of this demonstration is to show proper methods of application, amounts and times of application.

LAWN PARTY

The Mt. Comfort Men's Club will have a lawn party at the Oakville school on Saturday, July 7, from 3 to 10 P. M. Plenty of refreshments for all.

HOME - COMING AT PINEY RIDGE CHURCH

There will be a home-coming on Sunday, July 29, at the Piney Ridge Methodist Church, located 1½ miles west of Pamplin. Former members and friends are invited to be present. (7-5-4t)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS AT HEBRON

Vacation Bible School will begin Monday morning, July 9, at 8:30 A. M. in the Hebron Baptist Church, and continue each morning for one week.

Classes will be provided for all children of the community who are under sixteen years of age.

A program of Bible study, mission adventures, recreation, and handiwork has been planned.

Mrs. G. P. Jennings will serve as principal of the school, assisted by a faculty chosen from the membership of the Hebron Baptist Church.

Park Service Seeks Old Photographs

National Park Service officials are interested in locating photographs and sketches of the historic buildings at Old Appomattox Court House. Plans are now in preparation for the restoration of the Tavern Kitchen Building, the Tavern Guest House, and the Plunkett-Meeks Store and Residence.

The historian in charge of historical research has considerable information available on these structures. However, the Park needs additional data to complete the records.

It was thought that residents of the area might have photographs in old family albums taken as far back as the 1890's showing the exterior appearance of these buildings. Park officials are especially interested in exterior photographs of the Tavern Guest House, known locally as Colonel Poore's Law Office. They are hopeful that someone has a photograph showing the porch and staircases for this building.

If you have photographs, please get in touch with H. A. Gurney, Superintendent.

Trial Courts Change Name

Under new law, effective July 1, Trial Justice Courts in Virginia are now properly referred to as County Courts and the Trial Justice is now known legally as "County Judge."

Changes in names and technical revisions in laws dealing with courts not of record were enacted by the 1956 General Assembly after long study by the Virginia Code Commission.

The switch in name changes a designation which has existed since 1936, when the trial justice courts were set up over the old justices of the peace courts.

The General Assembly felt that the dignity, scope and work of the trial justice courts had grown to such an extent that a name more in keeping with advanced legal responsibilities and distinction was needed.

The Code Commission, with the approval of the Virginia Trial Justice Association, settled on the name "county court."

County justices will continue to handle the same dockets of misdemeanors. Felonies are tried in the first court of record, the circuit court. The lower courts were authorized July 1 to handle civil lawsuits up to $2,000, double what it had been previously.

Main objective of that portion of the study which dealt with the lower courts was to bring about more uniformity of jurisdiction, procedure and costs, throughout the Commonweath.

County Judges will continue as justices of juvenile and domestic relations court where such are constituted.

The "Graveyard Net" of amateur radio operators, will meet Sunday, July 8, at Holliday Lake, for what promises to be a unique gathering of persons from many states who have the hobby of being "ham radio operators."

Indications are that about 150 of this fraternity will converge on Appomattox this week-end. Joe Fleniken, Superintendent at Transcontinental Natural Gas Pipeline Corp.'s Compressor Station No. 17, at Appomattox, has been the top promotor of this get together, and has everything in readiness for a big day.

Many of the visitors will be arriving in Appomattox Friday and Saturday, and reservations have taken over local motor courts and the hotel. Registration will begin at 9:00 A. M. Sunday. A chicken box dinner will be served, and the day will be filled with shop talk and getting acquainted, and setting up a permanent organization.

Station wagons will be in readiness to take any of the guests who so desire, on a tour to the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and a tour of Transco's big Compressor Station here.

The "Graveyard Net" was formed by a group of amateurs, in November 1954, under the leadership of W1WHL, Squire, Mt. Carmel, Conn., and K4AVM, Wheeler, Byron, Ga. The primary purpose of the net was the get-together of amateurs on a specified frequency 3885KC for the purpose of "rag-chewing" (term used for talking). Their conversations consist of all kinds of topics. Traffic or messages are handled when anyone has same to be passed on. In March, 1955, Joe Fleniken, W4YTD, Appomattox, Va., joined the Graveyard Net and about a month later he was appointed by all the amateurs then calling in as Net Control, at which capacity he has acted, calling the net every morning from 4 A. M. to 7 A. M., for 6 months. At this time, W4BYZ, Bob, of Danville, Va., W5JAX, Nelson, of Searcy, Arkansas; W8VCD, Carl, of Athens, Ohio W8VDU, Leonard, of Elkton, Md., and KDAUO, Larry, of Shelbyville, Illinois, agreed to help out by taking over as acting net control one day each week. This has turned out to be a very successful method.

A certificate is mailed out to members after they have checked into the net ten times. Their records are kept by W4YTD and when eligible, their names are mailed to W1WHL, which mails out the certificates.

The Graveyard Net is considered to be one of the largest amateur radio net operations in the United States. In a single morning's operation, there have been as many as 43 stations checking in, with 31 states and Canada represented.

W4YTD's records show more than 400 calling in to the Graveyard Net since March, 1955, from all 48 states, Canada, Germany, Canary Islands, Bahamas Islands, Cuba, and many maritime mobiles (on ships).

QSL cards are exchanged on the net and get well cards are sent out to fellow amateurs when sick, birthday cards on their birthday, and flowers in case of a death.

The good fellowship of this group of amateurs, which includes both single and married girls, as well as men and boys, is unbelievable. When they get around to meeting each other in person, they feel like they have already been acquainted for years.

Free copies of this issue of the Times-Virginian are being given to those registering for the Graveyard Net gathering here Sunday.

Those already registered to attend the "Graveyard Net" meeting Sunday, by station Call Letters, first name, and address, are:

W1WHL, Squire, Mt. Carmel, Conn.
K4AVM, Wheeler, Byron, Ga.
W4BYZ, Bob, Danville, Va.
W3ZUQ, Gerry, Powers Run, Pa.
W4SAD, Harry, Christiansburg, Va.
K4AVN, Lance, Richmond, Va.
W4YBI, Andy, Pineville, N. C.
K4CLW, Berk, Appomattox, Va.
K4CLX, Alice, Appomattox, Va.
W4VU, Mac, Galax, Va.
W8VCD, Carl, Athens, Ohio.
K4CDI, John, Burlington, N. C.
W8, FMQ, Glenn, Cincinnati, O.
W8FRP, Tom, Bramwell, W. Va.
W8,NYH, Frank, Jenkins Jones, W. Va.
W4WAB, Andy, Galax, Va.
W4UG, Uncle George, Christiansburg, Va.
K4EJC, Owen, Greensboro, N. C.
W4EHC, Jack, Vienna, Va.
W4TVI
W4IS, Bruce, Oak Grove, Va.
W4FAX, Russell, Norfolk, Va.

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